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— ACTIVITY POSTER —

JAMIE FINDS OUT ABOUT DRUGS

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This activity poster was tested in classrooms with children between eight and 13 years old. Students in Grades 4 and 5 found it particularly attractive: they most often wanted to color the poster and hang it up at home. Most children gained a beginning knowledge of the drugs in widespread use today which suggests the poster would be a helpful adjunct to other health-related material.

JAMIE FINDS OUT ABOUT DRUGS

I HAVE MANY MEDICINES IN THE STORE THAT YOU CAN BUY WITHOUT SEEING A DOCTOR FIRST, LIKE COUGH SYRUP AND HEAD-ACHE PILLS. MANY HAVE DRUGS IN THEM SO YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE LABEL.

I SELL RUBBING ALCOHOL, TOO. YOUR MOTHER RUBS IT ON YOUR SKIN TO MAKE YOU FEEL COOL AND TO KILL GERMS. IT IS POISONOUS IF YOU DRINK IT.

ALCOHOL IS A DRUG, TOO, AND IT COMES IN BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (RUM, GIN, WHISKEY). A LITTLE BIT OF ALCOHOL HELPS PEOPLE CALM DOWN. MANY PEOPLE DRINK ALCOHOL ONCE IN A WHILE.

TOO MANY DRINKS WITH ALCOHOL IN THEM MAKE PEOPLE SICK OR DIZZY. THAT'S WHY THEY SHOULD NEVER DRIVE A CAR IF THEY HAVE BEEN DRINKING.

MANY DRUGS MAKE PEOPLE SO SICK THAT WE HAVE LAWS THAT SAY WE MUST NOT USE THEM. OTHERS, LIKE ALCOHOL, CAN ONLY BE SOLD IN CERTAIN PLACES AND ONLY TO GROWNUPS. THERE ARE LAWS ABOUT TOBACCO, TOO. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BUY CIGARETTES IF YOU ARE UNDER 16.

WHY ARE SOME DRUGS AGAINST THE LAW, OFFICER DAWSON?

THE MEDICINES OR DRUGS I TELL YOU TO TAKE ARE MADE SPECIALLY TO MAKE SICK PEOPLE BETTER. I WRITE A LITTLE NOTE CALLED A 'PRESCRIPTION' TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH TO TAKE AND HOW OFTEN TO TAKE IT. THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN BUY MY KIND OF DRUGS IS IN THE DRUG STORE.

DR. PLOTZ, CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT DRUGS?

CERTAINLY, JAMIE — MARIJUANA IS THE DRIED LEAVES FROM A PLANT. IT CAN BE SMOKED LIKE TOBACCO. SMOKING IT CHANGES THE WAY A PERSON FEELS AND SEES THINGS.

MISS FINCH, I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MARIJUANA. CAN I FIND OUT IN THESE BOOKS?

TOMORROW WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT DRUGS. JAMIE, YOUR PROJECT IS TO FIND OUT ALL YOU CAN AND TELL US ABOUT IT.

I'LL ASK DR. PLOTZ FIRST

HI, JAMIE! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR SUPPER. DID YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY?

YES, MOM — I WAS ASKING ABOUT DRUGS. I FOUND OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF DRUGS AND THEY ARE ALL DIFFERENT. DID YOU KNOW THAT...

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